

KATE GARDNER'S CHAT.

New Dress Fabrics for Spring and Summer Gowns.

Taffeta Will Be the Favorite Silhouette of the Spring and Summer Gowns.

(Special Chicago Letter.)
Nothing can exceed in charm and beauty the new dress fabrics imported for spring and early summer wear. Lovely silks, handsome woolsens, and gaily printed velvets seem to vie with each other in attractiveness of design and finish; and, what is better and more important than all else, is that many of the prettiest and desirable patterns are



ONE OF THE NEW TUCKED SKIRTS.

held at a price that easily places them within the reach of the average purse.
Taffeta silk will be the favorite silk for spring wear, and the patterns showing a changeable effect are in greatest demand. Green, changing to deepest blue, rose-pink deepening to darkest crimson that in some lights looks almost black, and lilac shading to deep violet are among the most popular effects. Exceedingly chic and stylish are the new moire taffetas with embossed satin figures showing a sharp contrast of color. Keeping their close company are wondrously pretty striped silks with their dark grounds almost completely hidden under a perfect tangle of wild roses. Then there are in solid colors all the new shades of green—which color, by the way, will be most popular as the season advances—dark blues and browns, not to mention a certain tan in the most exquisite shade. All of these will combine beautifully with lace and velvet, making a gown handsome enough for any occasion. It seems as though the French never grow weary of black and white striped silk, and certainly its dainty freshness and its power of adaptability more than justify its prolonged reign.

Among the recent importations of this description is one that took my particular fancy, both for its rich quality as well as its rather unique design. The silk itself is a heavy French brocade, with a ribbed stripe of white satin on a cream-tinted silk ground, alternating with a broad black satin stripe that somehow resolves itself finally into small broken checks. Showing against these stripes and checks are small bunches of chrysanthemums in faint blurred colorings which are fascinating in the extreme and add much to the charming effect of the whole.

Can a cloth makes an ideal gowning, and this season's importations show many striking novelties in both color combination and design. Colors which in themselves would be glaring and quite inappropriate are, under the benign influence of the French art, blended in the most artistic and harmonious manner imaginable.

For instance, green, blue and purple are combined in some of the highest priced and most desirable patterns;



TEA GOWN.

and heliotrope in two shades, showing a decided touch of dark red in its loosely woven meshes, is much sought after. I might mention that canvas cloth and all goods of like description call for expensive accessories in the matter of silken linings, trimmings, etc., and unless one can well afford this extravagance it would be better to order the new spring gown made of one of the many new covers, or, better still, an English check, either of which materials takes most kindly to the cotton lining, provided it be of the best quality; and the result will be a stylish, pretty gown that will prove a never-ending source of pleasure to the wearer, and one of profit as well, owing to the vast amount of wear she will be able to get from it.

Dame Fashion has grown somewhat weary of rough effects and has set the

goal of her approval on smooth-faced cloth, chief among which is drap d'ete. Ten years ago this material was the idol of the hour; then suddenly it passed from sight and nothing more was heard of it. The Parisians "re-visited" it last year, and it swept everything before it. It bids fair to repeat its successes in America before the season is far advanced. It is by all odds the handsomest material brought out thus far, and ranges in price from two dollars to four dollars per yard, the latter quality being exceedingly fine and soft with a rich bloom to its smooth, glossy like surface, resembling the most lustrous silk. It comes in all the fashionable shades, as well as in somber black; and as black will be worn quite extensively this season a black drap d'ete would be quite the proper thing to buy.

After seeing the lovely cotton fabrics brought out this season one is almost tempted to wear nothing but cotton frocks. These goods were never more beautiful and tempting than at the present moment, and, considering their rare quality, were never cheaper. The new French lawns are particularly attractive, having exquisitely wrought flowers on sheerest grounds of pure white, pale pink, light blue and delicate tinted green. Cool-looking dimities, that make the most delightful house dresses for warm weather wear, come in the sprigged and striped designs seen last season, while organdie muslin of web-like texture with narrow satin and silk stripes running through them are among the latest designs. Others are in the all-over pattern that is thickly powdered with flowers. These invariably have dark grounds.

The tailor-made gown has lost much of its traditional simplicity, the fancy at the present moment strongly running toward elaborate trimmings. As in former seasons the gown consists of coat and skirt, with machine-stitched seams, or else outlined with fancy braid. An imported gown that will serve as a model for many of the tailor gowns that will be seen later on, is well worth a description. The skirt was of soft beige cloth lined with blue and green short glace silk. A smooth cut bolero of dark green cloth, braided with black, the lines of the braiding so arranged that they form a succession of curves passing under the arms and trimming the back of the bolero the same way as they trim the front. The vest was made of finest Irish linen, daintily hand-embroidered, while the waist was en-



AN EARLY "RING JACKET."

circled with a deep band of blue and green changeable silk swathed very tightly in becoming folds.

Many novel ideas are embodied in another model seen within the week. It was of cloth in a deep but rather bright shade of green. The skirt, which boasts a silken lining of taffeta in a lovely shade of old rose, is slightly draped on both hips in such a way that the folds of cloth hanging gracefully in long lines give quite a panel effect to the sides of the skirt. On one side only the draperies are caught together with a long buckle of antique silver. The bodice is certainly a triumph of the dress-maker's skill and one which should be universally becoming, as it gives considerable slimness to the waist. Across the front and just below the collar band there are three deep tucks, each tuck fastened near the arm with a large antique silver button. The pretty vest is of dark green satin, while the dainty little bolero of the cloth is trimmed with an embroidered design carried out in dark green chenille shading up to the very lightest, and intermingled with tiny silver beads.

It may not be out of place to mention the hat that goes with this altogether fetching costume. It is in toque shape, made of scented Neapolitan violets, the dark green leaves and buds forming the brim while high on one side there is a jaunty aigrette formed of lilies of the valley, a single moss rose, pink in color, and a platted bow of cream-tinted lace arranged in fan shape behind the flowers. Another stylish model in the gown shown in the picture. It is made of tan cloth, showing the new tucked skirt. The little jacket is tucked to match, and is worn over a tight-fitting bodice of dark brown velvet.

In looking around for something new I came across the design given above, which I think meets every requirement of the up-to-date teagown, which Dame Fashion says must not be too dressy nor yet cr on the side of too much plainness.

As far as general fashions are concerned they may be said to be tentative just now. There are feelers being put out in many directions. There are several new sleeves, new skirts, or varieties of the old one, and while some well-known authorities claim that nothing but the trimmed skirt will "go" this spring, others equally reliable declare there will be as many, if not more, plain skirts worn than there will be trimmed. We may well ask who shall decide when doctors disagree?

KATE GARDNER.

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There is no period in woman's earthly career which she approaches with so much anxiety as the "change of life." Yet during the past twenty years women have learned much from a woman.

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She helped this woman, who says:—"I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in my family ten years, with the best results. Some time ago my daughter had catarrh of the womb, and it entirely cured her. I was approaching the "change of life," and was in a deplorable condition. My womb had fallen, and the bearing-down pains and backache were terrible, and kidneys affected.

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WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

On May 4th and 18th, settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.
Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Detroit on Chicago Division, Sundays at very low rates—good going and returning Sunday only.

Homecoming excursion to principal points in the west, northwest, south and southwest on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, at one fare plus \$2 round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.
German Baptist annual meeting, Frederick Md., June 8.
Grand Army of the Republic, Buffalo, N. Y., August 21st to 24th.
Baptist Young People's Union, Chattanooga, Tenn., in July.
National Educational Association, Milwaukee, July 24 to 28th.
B. F. O. S. R. S. Minneapolis, July 4th and 5th.
Twenty-seventh Bunde Turn Fest, St. Louis, May 6 to 11.
Epworth League, Toronto, in July.
German Baptist, old order, Rossville, Ind., June 6 to 8th.
Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, Nashville, Tenn., May 1st to Oct. 31st.
Detroit, Mich., account Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, June 7 to 10.
Galesburg, account State Encampment G. A. R., May 4th to 8th.

Warsaw, Ind., account General Assembly Presbyterian Church; one fare round trip. Tickets sold May 17th to 25th, good returning till June 25th.
Excursion to the celebrated coast country. The American Land Company of St. Louis, Mo., who own large tracts of land near Houston and Galveston, in the "Diamond District" of Texas, have authorized us to say that they will refund the railroad fare of any parties who go down on the excursions of May 4th and 18th who may purchase land of them and who purchase tickets via the Wabash line to St. Louis or Kansas City. Choice of routes from those points. One fare, plus \$2 for the round trip.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rates, maps, and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A. Pollock, passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ill.

P. D. & E. EXCURSIONS.

Annual Encampment, G. A. R., Department of Illinois, Galesburg, Ill., May 4-8, 1897.—For the above Encampment the P. D. & E. Railway will sell special excursion tickets at the rate of One First Class Fare for the Round Trip. Selling dates will be May 2d, 4th and 5th, and tickets will be good returning up to and including May 15th. The best connections and best time are made by the P. D. & E. If you intend going to the Encampment do not fail to see the P. D. & E. Agent before purchasing your ticket, or write direct to A. G. Palmer, G. A. R., Evansville, Ind., or S. J. Cassettey, G. A. R., Peoria, Ill.

Special excursion rates to all points on the P. D. & E. One fare round trip. Tickets good returning on day of sale.
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One way settlers' rates to points south every first and third Tuesday of each month. Very low.

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Call on or address W. L. South, Union Depot, or T. F. West, 121 East William street.

Indian, Decatur & Western Railway.

\$1.00 EXCURSION TO INDIANAPOLIS.

ON SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1897, the Indiana, Decatur & Western Railway will open the excursion season with a Special Fast Excursion Train to Indianapolis and return. Fare for the round trip, ONE DOLLAR. Special train will leave as follows: Decatur 7 A. M., arriving at Indianapolis at 11:30 A. M. Returning Special Train will leave Indianapolis at 6:30 P. M. Tickets good only on Special Train.

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58 pairs of Brussels Net Tambour Curtains, 3½ yards long, white, worth \$5.00, for.....	\$3.45 pair
36 pairs Ecru Irish Point Curtains, 3½ yards long, worth \$5.00, for.....	\$3.45 pair
30 pairs Hand-filled Brussels Net Curtains, 3½ yards long, white, at.....	\$4.45 pair
65 pairs fine quality of Ecru Irish Point, Hand-filled White Brussels Net and Irish Point Tambour in Ecru and Ivory, all worth \$10.00, at.....	\$6.65 pair

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They are first-class practical dyers and
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asthma or headache, use the German
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The town of Argentina is to have a fine
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Don't fail to call on J. P. Winebrenner
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Bert Morgan, Ed Keeler, Allerton Free-
man, C. N. Brown and T. P. Phillips
will give another concert, assisted by local
talent, at Warrensburg May 5.

The Wabash offers you your choice of
five trains to St. Louis on their excursion
of May 8 and 9. —1-6t

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds
of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman
fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed
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The John Strausbaugh fire loss in River-
side place has been adjusted. The insur-
ance was \$2100 and the full amount was
allowed. The loss was total.

Gents, now is the time to look up your
spring suit of clothes or overcoat and have
them re-dyed, cleaned or pressed in first-
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The newly-elected township officers
who have qualified will enter upon their
official duties next Monday, May 3. Jus-
tice O'Mara will have his office over the
Brintlinger undertaking rooms, and Jus-
tice Smith will take possession of Odor's
office.

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est of any coal within 100 miles of Deca-
tur and the harder the coal the longer it
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J. B. Robinson. T. T. Springer.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

Given Last Evening by Society People at
the Turner Hall—Play was Fol-
lowed by a Ball.

The entertainment given last evening
at the Turner hall by a number of society
people was one of the largest and most en-
joyable social events of the season. About
400 persons were present and witnessed
the comedy, "A Scrap of Paper," pre-
sented. Those who took part in the play
and who gave the entertainment were as
follows: Misses Sallie Scruggs, Eugenia
Harris, Lena Ulrich, Gertrude Tyler,
Florence Rainey, Jessie Montgomery, and
Messrs. James Kinney Stafford, Sherry
Ehrman, Reaves Scruggs, Edward Quin-
lan, and Edward Powers. The play was
in three acts and was a piece quite difficult
to present, but it was excellently given
and was said to be the best amateur per-
formance which has ever taken place in
the city. Mr. Stafford and Miss Scruggs
in the leading parts were excellent. They
both displayed remarkable talent and car-
ried out the characters they personated
with wonderful skill. Mr. Powers was
splendid in his part and the others in the
cast all did well. The play passed off
without any delays or mistakes and it was
evident that the ladies and gentlemen tak-
ing part had been well rehearsed.

At the conclusion of the play the hall
was cleared of the seats and the guests
passed the rest of the evening dancing.
The opera house orchestra was stationed
on the stage and rendered the music.
Frappe was served throughout the even-
ing. The entertainment was well ar-
ranged in every detail and was enjoyed
exceedingly by those who attended.

Farwell Surprises Party.
The home of Collector and Mrs. L. H.
Martin, 428 South Union street, was the
scene of a very pleasant social gathering
last night, it being the occasion of a fare-
well surprise for Mrs. Lydia Stafford,
who will depart next week to make her
home in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin invited her to
their home to spend the evening, without
informing her that they had invited mem-
bers of Progress lodge, Daughters of Re-
becca, to come and pass the evening with
her. Mrs. Stafford was one of the first
past noble grante of the lodge, and has
always been an active and efficient mem-
ber. During the evening W. K. Pease on
behalf of the lodge presented Mrs. Stafford
a handsome past grand collar. She was
surprised, but responded feelingly.
Luncheon was served, and after that
many of the company played cards.
Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames
Lee Cope, F. M. Garver, George B. Ash-
ton, George Nicholson, Adam Seelorth,
Thomas Kitchen, L. W. Eribourg, Will
Pease, I. N. Martin, Sr., I. N. Martin,
Jr., A. Miller, George Bedford, W. H.
Liston, A. T. Grist, Mesdames Grace
Houghton, A. Tuttle, Libby Brown, M.
B. Hendricks, John Berno, George Nich-
olson, and Misses Myrtle Garver, Cordie
Underwood, Hattie Martin, Jessie Mar-
tin, Gertrude Kitchen, Flora Kitchen, and
Will Bright.

The Little W. C. T. U.
The Little Christian Union Mission held
at the W. C. T. U. rooms every Sunday
at 2 p. m. was gladdened and encouraged
by the presence of general superintendent
Garrett H. Cruzan of Jacksonville last
Sunday. A reorganization was effected
and new officers elected:

District Director—Mrs. Emma M.
Agate.
Educational Director—Blanche Rush.
Literary Director—Mrs. Jennie Kepple.
Charity Director—Mrs. Zelma Akers.
Spiritual Director—E. S. Johnson.

A committee of four was appointed to
assist each director. A cordial invitation
is extended to all, irrespective of denom-
inational relations to attend and help in
the good work.

Officers Installed.
Decatur Lodge No. 384, I. O. G. T.,
elected the following officers at their meet-
ing last night:

Chief Templar—Miss Emma Wiegand.
Vice Templar—Miss Nettie Gaddis.
Secretary—Miss Ella Dixon.
Financial Secretary—D. L. Bunn.
Treasurer—Theodore Coleman.
Marshal—Miss Bena Bear.
Guard—Miss Irene Gaddis.
Sentinel—Mrs. Lizzie Wiegand.

High School News.

Friday afternoon the members of the
Sapponian society held a meeting when
this program was observed:

Piano Duet—Misses Nicholls and
Phillips.

Recitation—Maggie Veale.

Spelling match led by Miss Mame
Greene and Miss Maud Wallace. Miss
Greene's side won, Jessie Penhallegon
standing up longest. The word which
defeated Miss Wallace's side was quad-
rilateral.

The assembly room was filled to its
utmost capacity last night on the occasion
of the open meeting of the Alpha Beta so-
ciety. Frank Lindsay, the president of
the society, presided and the program was
given as follows:

Vocal Solo—Wayne Williams.
Paper—Allan Gleason.
Alpha Beta History—Fred Neldermeyer.

Selection, "Old Joe," Quartet—Star-
ling, Record, Mann and Williams.
Prophecy—Charles Record. Oration,
"Greene"—Dan Housum.

Selection—Glen club.
The work of the glee club, led by F. W.
Westhoff, was especially well received.

Next Saturday the H. S. field day ex-
ercises will be held at the race track, admis-
sion 10 cents. The winner of each event
will be seen in the inter-scholastic con-
test at Champaign.

Think They Succeeded.
B. S. Tyler, Robert I. Hunt and several
other grain men of the city were at Spring-
field this week fighting against a bill
which was pending in the legislature.

The bill is one which gives the large ele-
vator men the right to buy and sell
grain. The commission men are against
the bill because they believe that the ele-
vator men have no right to buy and sell
grain when they are handling grain be-
longing to the public. If an elevator man
has in his charge a lot of first grade
wheat he can buy a poorer grade wheat
and mix them together. His own will
then be made better and that belonging to
his customer will lessen in value. The
commission men and buyers are therefore
against the bill and the Decatur men who
were at Springfield say they think they
have succeeded in defeating the bill.

A Bargain Night.
Monday night, May 3, will be the open-
ing performance of Billy Link's Vaude-
ville and to thoroughly introduce the
splendid company of high class vaudeville
artists the management has decided to
issue for that night only a ladies' free
ticket, which will admit two ladies or one
lady and gentleman, for the price of one
ticket, 30 cents. The company is one of
merit, and gives a clean and wholesome
performance, especially adapted for the
patronage of ladies and children. Fun
reigns supreme throughout the 10 origi-
nal acts and the one act musical comedy.
There will be an entire change of program
each night and a bargain matinee Wed-
nesday for ladies and children, 10 cents
for any seat in the house.

Paid the Debt.
The financial affairs of All Angels' Epis-
copal church have been put in good con-
dition. Seven years ago when the church
was a mission St. John's church loaned
\$800 to the mission. Interest in the place
died down and it was finally closed. The
debt of \$800 still remained and interest on
the money accumulated each year until it
reached a large amount. The interest
has been paid off and today a final settle-
ment was made with the St. John trust-
ees. The \$800 was borrowed from an-
other source and paid the old debt so that
All Angels' church now stands clear ex-
cepting the new debt which they have as-
sumed. The congregation of the church
and the rector are pleased that they have
cleared off the old debt.

Installation of Pastor.
Next Wednesday evening Rev. W. H.
Wilson will be installed as pastor of the
Cumberland Presbyterian church in Ar-
gona. The exercises will be held at the
church and will begin at 7:30 o'clock.
The opening sermon will be delivered by
Rev. A. W. Hawkins of Decatur, the
charge to the congregation by Rev. M. C.
Cookrum of Mt. Zion, and the charge to
the pastor by Rev. J. S. Keener of Deca-
tur.

AS TO DR. MACGREGOR.

The Church Has Taken No Action Touch-
ing a Charge of Pastors—Some
Discontent.

Whatever of dissatisfaction may exist in
the Baptist church has not and may not
result in the separation of the pastoral re-
lation of Rev. D. R. MacGregor and the
church. No doubt this would be deair-
able on the part of some members, or they
would not be so busy fomenting trouble.
But the desire of a few is not the voice of
the church. As far as we have been able
to ascertain the facts, the trouble is not
between the pastor and the church, but
between a few who are determined to rule,
and the church. The church has taken no
action with reference to its pastor, nor will
it do so, unless the matter is pushed by
the discontented ones.

The foregoing is in substance the state-
ment of a leading Baptist in the city and
no doubt is a correct statement of the
situation.

A statement was made in one of our
city papers recently that the connection of
Rev. Mr. MacGregor as pastor of the
church had been severed, which was mis-
leading. The Baptist church is governed
by the action of the congregation and not
the officials. The congregation alone has
power to call a pastor and the pastor or
the congregation alone has the power to
determine that pastorate. No such meet-
ing has been held and until such a meet-
ing has been held the relation of a minis-
ter in the Baptist church is unchanged.

This is the regular order of procedure in
that church and has been accepted by the
church and the ministry. When a minis-
ter desires to close his pastorate he does
so by resigning. This the congregation
accepts. It has no other alternative un-
less it can induce him to reconsider his
action. When the congregation wishes
to end a pastorate it can do so by a major-
ity vote and the pastor must accept that
action as final unless he can induce the
congregation to change its views. Both
ministers and the laity have agreed upon
this rule of the church and when a pastor
resigns or the congregation by a majority
vote determines a pastorate that is all
there is of it.

Whether the result of the little friction
in the church will ultimately be the resig-
nation of the pastor or the ending of the
pastorate by action of the congregation or
better harmony without either of these
actions the Republican has no means of
knowing, but without intending to prej-
udice the situation one way or the other it
does not hesitate to say it would be sorry
to see Mr. MacGregor leave the city, for
he has shown during the year that he has
been here, that he is interested in public
matters, has proved himself to be a cap-
able preacher and one who is not afraid to
speak his mind. He came to our city
with an honorable record of work done
elsewhere as pastor of leading churches,
as an editor, and as a lecturer on the plat-
form.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.
Social Gathering of S. S. Pupils at Grace
Methodist Church.

There was a pleasant gathering of Sun-
day school pupils and teachers at the
church last night, when an entertainment
was given under the direction of Mrs. M.
D. Hayes, R. F. Davidson, Mrs. Shella-
barger and Mrs. Carmichael. The Grace
school has nearly 500 members and is said
to be the banner school in central Illinois.
The attendance last night numbered over
300 and this was the program:

Selection—Mandolin club.
Selection—Male trio.
Recitation, "Waking the Boys"—Pearl
Leiby.

Piano Solo—Miss Gray.
Recitation, "Farmer Stebbins at the
Bat"—Cecil Davidson.
Vocal Solo—Miss Sutton.
Selection—Mandolin club.

The entertainment was highly praised
and then came the social, with ice cream
and cake as the refreshments. The pro-
ceeds were applied to the new piano fund.

Judge Dunn.
At Danville yesterday in the Fifth
judicial circuit, Judge Dunn, of Charles-
ton, was nominated by the Republicans
for circuit judge. Mr. Dunn was a candi-
date in Decatur when the delegates to the
convention met, but he withdrew.

Post K Meeting.
J. W. Allen, the secretary, gives notice
that the regular meeting of Post K,
Travelers' Protective Association, will be
held tonight at 8 o'clock at the St. Nicho-
las hotel.

Take the Wabash to St. Louis and see
the grand railroad collision that will occur
there on Sunday May 9. Only \$1.50 for
round trip.—1-6t

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MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free
from Arsenic, Alum or any other dangerous
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40 Years the Standard.



ONE OF THE CHIEF TOWNS OF THE ISLAND—IT IS A CITY OF 2,000 INHAB-
ITANTS. HALF OF WHOM ARE CHRISTIANS.



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of all kinds, colors, shapes and prices. NEW SPRING HATS that will fit both your head and purse.

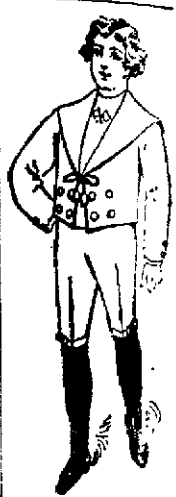
The "Cuban" and "Geisha"—two of the latest. Let us show them to you.

complete and exceptional line of attire for little girls 3 to 8, made up in Juniors, color and keifer style, of all the latests, running in price

FROM \$2.25 TO \$5.00...

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New Novelties in MEN'S SUITS.

The RIGHT kind. Right in fit, in material, in style, in general make-up, but particularly right in PRICE. We are showing an exceedingly swell line of Spring Shirts and Neckwear. We will appreciate a call.

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245-249 NORTH WATER STREET.
NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS.....

WAKING UP to the Fact

have been paying extortionate prices for Bicycles and Bicycle Sundries. We have conducted an educational campaign is not questioned, and the public have shown their appreciation of our Enterprise and Low cost gratifying manner.

...We Cut the Price...

not Pumps, 50c.

we cut them to 65c, but we have just received 500 and want to

We Lighten the Burden of Price.

20th Century Lamps.....\$3.50
Search Light.....\$4.00
Comet.....50

of Lamps excels the combined stocks of all other Decatur dealers at Cut Prices.

Our Prices on Bells are Reasonable.

Single Stroke, 10c; Double Stroke, 25c.
We sell the famous "New Vespertine" Bell. We bought 10 gross to get the price.

Cycloimeters Have Always Been Too High

We place them within your reach.
American, \$1; Voader, \$1.35
We are expecting to buy 5 gross of Voaders so that we can sell them for \$1.

Handle Bars—Dropped in Price.

Wood, \$1.50, Steel, \$1.75.
We show a large assortment.

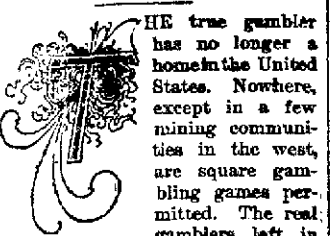
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us to buy right and sell you at reasonable prices.

STARR & SON, LINCOLN SQUARE.
Punctures, 25 Cents.

A GAME FOR A LIFE.



HE true gambler has no longer a home in the United States. Nowhere, except in a few mining communities in the west, are square gambling games permitted. The real gamblers left in the States are forced to content themselves with quiet games of poker. The others, of the class contemptuously known as "shootings," "tin horns," "crap-shooters," etc., lead a precarious existence in the fleeing of boys and "dinner-pail" workmen. Stakes of a nickel are steeped to by these petty swindlers. The old-time gambler, who played because his blood was riotous with chance, and who often staked on the turn of a card as much money as the stealings of one of the modern "shootings" amounts to in a year, has left for other countries. The true gambler is as scarce as the crapsshooters are plentiful.

A number of years ago 14 boys constituted a class in a school in Joplin, Mo. Three of them had been born in Baxter Springs, Kan., in the days when that town was the "front" of the Fort Scott road. It was a "hot town," in which a dozen city marshals were shot to death in a year, where gamblers were an important part of the population, and where money was plentiful. These three boys had the gambling instinct clearly as the colt of a turf sire has the ability to trot. And out of the class of 14 ten boys grew into gamblers. They were a complete in all the novelties of their trade before they were out of school.

Of the ten, three became leaders. Sam Parks was perhaps the most desperate and successful. Jeff Davis was educated for a priest. Bob Cummings was a lawyer as well as gambler. All three are the heroes of adventures that would make a book of stirring stories.

This is the story of how Jeff Davis assisted in the stirring events in the Central American country of Guatemala that resulted in the death of President Barrios in 1885. Barrios and his son were on a visit to New York. Davis, then a slight, reticent, dark-eyed youth, had gone there to practice his calling. He met young Barrios in a little game in one of the small hotels and was introduced to the Central American president. In Spanish-American States gambling is looked upon much more leniently than in the United States. Barrios was at the time a great friend of Americans, and fostered their immigration to his country. To Davis he said:

"Events may so shape themselves that I may give you gambling privileges in my country that will be exceedingly valuable. At all events, I shall be glad to have you come to San Jose de Guatemala."

Davis saw the advantages he would have in the favor and protection of the president. Shortly afterward he sailed for Guatemala with a friend named McCune. Barrios was as good as his word, and Davis soon had two games running, one at Champerico, on the coast, in charge of McCune, and the other at San Jose de Guatemala, the capital, with himself in the "lookout."

For several months all went well and Davis made money like a mint. The exclusiveness of his privilege drove all the chance money to his tables and he was soon on the road to opulence. Then Barrios issued his famous proclamation of the union of Central American states and Davis was promised the gambling privileges of the union. As a consequence he turned the stream of his wealth toward the coffers of Barrios and his dollars helped to equip the army. War was declared, and on March 30 of that year Gen. Barrios marched on the frontier of Salvador with 10,000 troops to punish his treacherous friend Zaldívar, who had proclaimed to come into the union and at the last moment declared his enmity. On April 2 the Guatemalans attacked San Lorenzo and the next day, when the attack was to be repeated, Barrios left his tent to assume command of his army and was killed by a sharpshooter from a tree. Meanwhile the battle had begun, and in a short time both sides withdrew from the field, but not until a successful effort had been made by the Guatemalans, with a loss of 25 lives, to recover the body of Barrios. Gen. Verazco Barrios, son of the president, was also killed on the same field, together with 1,000 of his comrades.

This was the attempt to unite Central America brought to nothing. Davis was without friends. He was known to have made large sums of money and to have aided Barrios, and in the confusion that followed both he and McCune were arrested, tried and condemned to death.

The property of Davis was confiscated and he was thrown into prison. McCune was promptly hanged outside the walls of Champerico and his body filled with bullets. Then began the battle of wits to save the life of Davis.

Davis, with the true instinct of the gambler, had bought unsent diamonds whenever he could. Around his body under his clothes he wore a broad belt filled with them. This he took to prison with him.

His former generosity recommended him to the good graces of the governor of the prison and he was introduced to the governor's wife, who became interested in the slight, good-looking young American. At the first opportunity he presented her with a diamond from his belt and proposed that she insist in keeping him alive until his friends could come to him.

in school, to raise all the money possible and send it to San Jose de Guatemala. The wires were put in operation and telegrams flew to all parts of the country. But the sports were all "broke." Cummings sent \$2,000; the Kansas City man had \$1,500 to spare. That was all. Sam Parks was in Paris, where it was believed, he was running a profitable game. A telegram was sent to the governor's wife telling her that \$3,500 would be sent at once by express. Back came a reply:

"Not enough money. Come yourself. Where is Parks?" Parks, in Paris, was no doubt astonished to receive two telegrams, one from Kansas City, the other from Guatemala, demanding his immediate presence in the Central American republic with all the money he could bring. Parks was game. He could not go back on a friend in distress. He closed his game, changed his money into gold and took passage on a slow, rolling steamer to Guatemala.

Meanwhile, Davis was planning intrigues to keep from being shot. If he could hold out for a few weeks, until Parks arrived, he knew that a golden key would procure his release. Every delay cost a diamond or two. He paid a doctor several diamonds to report to the governor of the prison that he was too ill to be removed from his cell. His diamonds paid for telegrams, luxuries and delay.

Parks, on board the rumbling little steamer, fumed at the delay. At last, however, he reached the port of Champerico. The first thing that met his gaze was the body of McCune, blowing about in the dry air from the end of a chain slung over the city wall. The buzzards had left his eyes sockets staring at nothing. The body rattled like a dry pod whenever it rotated against the wall. The hot winds had dried it like a skin.

Parks tried to have it cut down and buried. But the soldiers would not allow it, and, having lost a day in pursuit, he hurried on to San Jose. There he met the wife of the governor of the prison.

Parks had about \$50,000 in notes and gold—enough money to have ransomed a prince, let alone an American gambler. The governor's wife outlined a plan for Davis' escape, and Parks began the investment of his money.

The guards of the jail tasted some



THE GAMBLER DEALT CLUMSY HANDS.

good cheer that night. It was the day of some saint or other. Nearly every day is a saint's day in Central America. But this was the day of the patron saint of the governor's wife, wherefore the guards celebrated in wine and song.

At nine o'clock that night the governor sat down to play poker with Parks, who passed for an American merchant. The gambler dealt clumsy hands; he was bluffed with infinite ease; the governor thought he had never met an easier opponent. Piles of notes crossed over the table from Parks to the governor, then pieces of gold, and at last, whole stacks of gold pieces. The governor was drunk with the lust of the American's yellow money.

And while they played Davis, with a trowel and a short iron bar, was digging doggedly, at the stone wall of his cell. The drunken guards snored.

The governor was in high good humor. The keen ears of the American gambler opposite him could hear the ring of the metal bar on the stones. The governor's wife heard it also, but not the gold-besotted governor.

It was almost daylight. The governor's wife signaled to Parks. Parks bet his last pile of gold absurdly. The governor pulled it sleepily toward him. "It is my last, senator," said Parks. "Better luck next time," said the governor. "Come again to-night, I sleep."

Parks, the sleepless, the iron-willed, arose from the table and looked significantly at the governor's wife. "He is already on the outside. Adieu!" They shook hands. The governor's wife found a roll of gold in her hand. Parks was gone.

Outside the prison walls he found Davis in rags, barefooted and emaciated, but dauntless and even jaunty. "We must make for San Salvador," he said. All that day and the next, and for days following, they made their way over mountains and through jungles, until they came to San Lorenzo, and shipped from there to New Orleans. The rescuing of Davis cost Parks something like \$40,000.

MARKET REPORT.

By B. Z. TAYLOR.

Wheat opened this morning about where it closed last night, was about the opening for a time, advanced, and then broke below the start. The trade in May was small, and little better in July, though the latter was not dull. September is receiving more attention now. The cables were all higher. Liverpool reported wheat 1/4 higher and a curb cable from London said cargoes were firmer and held higher. Even Berlin was with the up turn, and reported wheat 1/4 mark higher. The deliveries today were not so large as expected, being but 50,000 bushels of wheat. Kicker & Peabody increased their gold shipment for today from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000, which had a somewhat depressing effect on the wheat. Bradstreet was out with his weekly report on clearances for the week, and the exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, for both weeks for the week, amounted to 1,158,886 bushels, against 1,854,000 the week before, 1,260,000 bushels the corresponding week a year ago, and 2,550,000 bushels the corresponding week two years ago. The clearances today were large, being 38,685 bushels of wheat and 58,884 barrels of flour, the two together equalling 880,668 bushels of wheat. In the 15 cars of wheat received at Chicago today, 10 graded. Minneapolis and Duluth not received today, the wire from there being in trouble.

Corn opened about where it left off yesterday and with fair trade and not dull market stayed around the opening most of the time but evinced a slight desire to get lower. There were no features. Bradstreet reported the corn exports from both coasts for the week at 3,657,468 bushels against 4,769,000 bushels week before, 2,145,000 bushels corresponding week a year ago, and 161,800 bushels two years ago; 68 cars graded out of 189.

Oats opened where they closed. Trade fair; market not inactive; no features. Deliveries, corn 250,000 bushels, oats 200,000 bushels.

Provisions a little lower; trade small, little doing. Deliveries, pork 4000 barrels, lard 1000 tierces, ribs 750,000 pounds.

	Open-	High-	Low-	Close-
	ing	est	est	ing
Wheat—				
May.....	71 3/4	72 1/4	71 1/4	71 3/4
July.....	71 1/4	72 1/4	70 3/4	71 1/4
Sept.....	68 1/4	69 1/4	68 1/4	68 1/4
Corn—				
May.....	24 1/4	24 3/4	23 3/4	24 1/4
July.....	24 1/4	24 3/4	23 3/4	24 1/4
Sept.....	20 1/4	20 3/4	19 3/4	20 1/4
Oats—				
May.....	16 1/4	17 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4
July.....	16 1/4	17 1/4	15 3/4	16 1/4
Sept.....	15 1/4	16 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4
Lard—				
May.....	8.60	8.67 1/2	8.58	8.60
July.....	4.20	4.30	4.17	4.17 1/2
Pork—				
May.....	4.87 1/2	4.87 1/2	4.85	4.86
July.....				

July wheat: puts, 69 1/4; calls, 71 1/4; curb, 70 1/4.

TO-DAY'S MARKETS—CASH. WHEAT—15. Estimated, 8. Year ago, 13. Corn—12. Estimated, 15 1/2; year ago, 32. Oats—27. Estimated, 24 1/2; year ago, 24 1/2.

ESTIMATES FOR MONDAY. Wheat, 10; Corn, 20; Oats, 20. Hog receipts 14,000; estimated, 14,000. Market slow and steady.

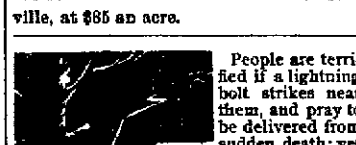
Light, \$3.50; 24.05; Mixed, \$3.50; 24.02. Heavy \$3.50; 24.00; Rough \$3.50; 23.70. Estimated for Monday, 30,000. Outside receipts, 20, Market steady.

PROXIMATE QUOTATIONS. PROXIMA, May 1.—Corn, steady, No. 2, white, 23 1/4; oats, steady, No. 2, white, 20 1/4; Rye, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET. NEW YORK, May 1.—Wheat, July, 71 1/4; Corn, July, 24 1/4; Oats, July, 22 1/4.

ST. LOUIS MARKET. ST. LOUIS, May 1.—Wheat, cash, 94; July, 76 1/4; Corn, cash, 20 1/4; July, 22; Oats, cash, 19 1/4; July, 19 1/4.

The fine homestead of W. Kennedy, containing 240 acres adjoining Waverly, has been sold to G. T. Wiswell of Jacksonville, at \$85 an acre.



People are terrified if a lightning bolt strikes near them, and pray to be delivered from sudden death; yet death by disease plays all about them and they pay no attention to it until it strikes them down. Consumption kills just as surely as lightning and it is a great deal nearer all the time. People never realize how near it is because it steals on so gradually.

Loss of appetite and flesh; poor sleep; poor digestion; nervousness; a lack of energy and force in the system are the beginning of consumption; it is festering the blood. There is no need of its going any further. It can be stopped right where it is by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

The wonderful blood-purifying and nutritive properties of the "Discovery" prevent and cure consumption by renovating and vitalizing the system. It arrests wasting processes and rapidly builds up healthy tissue and solid flesh. It promotes perfect digestion; active strength and nerve force.

Mrs. Rebecca F. Gardner, of Grafton, York Co., Pa., writes: "When I was married I weighed one hundred and twenty-five pounds. I was taken sick and reduced in health. My doctor failed to do me any good and I fell away to 50 pounds. I had despaired of my life and I could not eat anything. I thought I was not long for this world. Finally I gave up and my husband nearly went crazy. One day in one of your little Mercantile Bibles I saw where some people had been cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. My husband got me two bottles. I began using it and I feel better and you I began to improve. When I began taking the 'Discovery' my weight was 50 pounds and now I weigh 120 pounds. I had despaired of my life and I could not eat anything. I thought I was not long for this world. Finally I gave up and my husband nearly went crazy. One day in one of your little Mercantile Bibles I saw where some people had been cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. 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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.

MACON COUNTY, ss.

In the Circuit Court to the June Term, A. D.

1897.

Miles E. Young, Receiver of the Illinois Building

Association, of Bloomington,

Illinois, vs. E. M. Weygant, William L.

Johnson and Albert T. Summers, in Chan-

cery. No. 12-73.

Alleviate that E. M. Weygant, one of the de-

fendants above named, is a non-resident of the

State of Illinois, having been in the office of

the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county,

Illinois, at the time of the filing of the above

complaint, and which still is pending, and that

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of John Ames Howerton, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed ad-

ministrator of the estate of John Ames Howerton,

deceased, hereby gives notice that he will ap-

pear before the county court of Macon county,

Illinois, at the time of the filing of the above

complaint, and which still is pending, and that

the undersigned is a non-resident of the State

of Illinois, and that he is a resident of the

State of New York, and that he is a resident

of the City of New York, and that he is a

resident of the County of New York, and that

he is a resident of the City of New York, and

that he is a resident of the County of New

York, and that he is a resident of the City

DEER WANTED IN CONNECTICUT.

Hunters Petition for Appropriation

with Which to Stock Preserves.

Connecticut hunters are making an

effort to introduce more wild deer into

the state. A petition has been sent to

the state game warden asking for an

appropriation of at least \$2,000 for the

purpose of securing deer and stocking

preserves in various parts of the state,

reports the New York Sun. Connecti-

cut has hundreds of acres of wild coun-

try which is continually growing

wilder, owing to the tendency of the

people to desert the farms and give up

agriculture for manufactures and city

life, and for miles in some parts of the

state not a house is to be seen. The

country is too barren for agriculture

not even sheep raising being conducted

with profit in some parts of it, but

the scrub is just what the deer re-

quire for sustenance through the winter.

There are now about a dozen wild deer

in the state, and their owners believe

that they exist under ideal conditions

there.

The Connecticut climate is much

more favorable to the animals than that

of Maine, Vermont or New Hampshire,

and in those three states the deer are

met nearly everywhere in the uninhab-

ited portions. The recent movement

to preserve wild deer in Long Island

has been a success. Bay lynxes, which

in most newspaper reports are called

"wildcats," in common with the genu-

ine wildcats, are sometimes met with in

Sussex and Passaic counties, and so

are mink and weasels.

Bears sometimes get into the north-

western part of Sussex county.

MEASURING SUNSHINE.

An Instrument Which Records the

Strength of Every Ray.

An instrument which has been in-

vented for measuring sunshine elec-

trically is so sensitive that not the

finest sun ray that may break

through the cloudy arch of a gloomy

day is lost, even if it be but of a mo-

ment's duration, says the Pittsburgh

Dispatch. Not only does it catch these

rays of sunlight, but by an ingenious

contrivance it records their degree and

the period of the day at which they

occur. The cylindrical glass tubes,

connected by a stem, are enclosed in a

protecting glass sheath. Mercury is

used to separate the air in the bulbs,

which are filled with pure, dry air and

hermetically sealed. The space be-

tween the bulbs of the protecting

sheath is then exhausted of air and

sealed. One of the bulbs is coated with

lampblack and when the sun shines its

attraction for the blackened bulb drives

the mercury up through the stem lead-

ing to the clear glass bulb. In its pas-

sage it forms a circuit with fine wires

fused into the glass and the record is

instantly carried to a register in the

operator's office. This register is op-

erated by clockwork, and upon its brass

cylinder a sheet of paper bearing lines

indicating the minutes and hours of the

day is traversed by an automatic

pen, which, actuated by the electric

wires attached to the glass bulbs, makes

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penses; good chance to double this within six

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April 22-24

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years

experience I am prepared to give prompt

attention to all orders from all parts of the

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teed. Address D. M. SMITH, West and

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April 11-12

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prices, with steam heat and all conveniences,

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Salle street, near the corner of La Salle and

La Salle street. Apply to BENJAMIN BROWN,

Agent, offices 5, 6, 7, Gallagher Block.

April 10-11

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LOST—One pair of gold spectacles in case,

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